



**Minutes
Tempe Veteran's Commission
January 5, 2016**

Minutes for the Tempe Veteran's Commission Meeting held on January 5, 2016 at 6:00 PM at the Tempe Public Library Board Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, Arizona 85282.

Commission Members Present

Keith Finkle, Chair
Michelle Bravo, Vice-Chair
Scott Essex, Secretary
Mario Aguirre
Bryan Durham
Troy Friedman
Dale Groen
Patricia Little-Uptah
Michelle Loposky

Commission Members Absent

David Lucier
Laura Skotnicki

Staff Present

Robin Arredondo-Savage, Councilwoman
Naomi Farrell, Human Services Director
Valerie Kime Trujillo, Human Services Deputy Director
Lisa elena Vallejo, Community Services Supervisor

Public Appearance

Molly Scheetz, Case Coordinator – Supportive Services for Veterans Families

Item 1 – Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 PM

Item 2 – Public Appearances – Molly Scheetz, Case Coordinator – Supportive Services for Veterans Families for Laura Skotnicki

Item 3 – Review of Previous Minutes - Motion by Vice-Chair Michelle Bravo to approve minutes; approved by all present Commission Members. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 4 – 2016 Board Update – The Commission welcomes newest members Michelle Loposky, Military Advocate from the Arizona State University Pat Tillman Veterans Center and Mario Aguirre, Employment Outreach Coordinator from the Arizona Coalition for Military Families.

Item 5 – Website Launch – Chair Keith Finkle met with Human Services Public Information Officer Marie Chapple Camacho to update the website. Navigation pan was changed. A “basket” will be added for East Valley Education Center. Content needed for the website (suggestions, pictures, resources etc.) email to tempeveteranscommission@gmail.com. As the website grows, success stories will be highlighted. A biography and picture for each Commission member is due by the next meeting. If a picture has not been submitted, picture will be taken at the next meeting. Official website launch will be before February 1, 2016. Highlight Tempe businesses that have completed the Veteran’s Employer Supportive Training.

Item 6 – East Valley Stand Up Update – Troy Friedman

First meeting scheduled for January 13, 2016 at 10:00 AM at the East Valley Veterans Center. Many members of the Commission will be present. Extending invites to the Mayor, the President of Rio Salado College and surrounding East Valley cities.

Item 7 – 2016 City Council Presentation

Chair Keith Finkle will send the updated PowerPoint to new Commission members. The Commission will present on “who are we and what are we doing?”, upcoming events etc. Veteran friendly businesses will be highlighted.

Item 8 – Navigator Training, January 12, 2016 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Chair Keith Finkle highly encourages the Commission to attend the Navigator Training. Reminders will be made at upcoming meetings for future trainings. Commission member Mario Aguirre will put future meetings on Gmail calendar.

Item 9 – Suggested Items for Future Agenda

- Updates
 - East Valley Stand Up
 - Update on Housing Project
 - Website
 - Interacting with City Council
 - Wellness - Laura Skotnicki, Patricia Little-Uptah, Mario Aguirre, Bryan Durham
 - 10 – 15 minute presentation
 - Current Challenges
 - Resources
 - Environment
 - Needs assessment
 - Where are the gaps in services?
 - Creating subcommittees
- Extend invite to Marie Chapple Camacho, Human Services - Public Information Officer

Item 10 – Commission Member Announcements

- Maricopa County Stand Down – January 28 and 29, 2016
- East Valley Stand Up - January 13, 2016 at 10:00 AM

Item 11 – Next Meeting – February 2, 2016**Item 12 – Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.**

Next meeting to be held on, Tempe Library Board Room, at 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, Arizona 85282.

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Reviewed by: Naomi Farrell

Keith Finkle,
Chair, Tempe Veterans Commission